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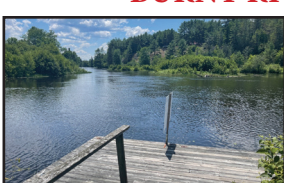
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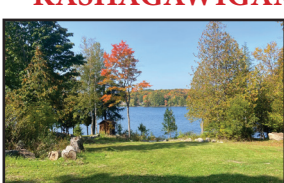
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Checks and balances

GRIEF'S A prevalent word in my world lately. *If I can keep my head when all about me are losing theirs ...* this is paraphrased from IF, Rudyard Kipling's famous 1895 poem about maturity, or at least the noblest qualities of 'manhood'. We know, of course, that maturity is everyone's responsibility. We're all under public observation, so we learn early how to manage our biggest fears and emotions. But we can't always 'keep' our heads, or even turn them off. Nor should we have to. Grief hurts. Sometimes too much.

As we age, more and more of our cherished people drop away. We're saddened by every loss, and we grieve each in different ways. As with many life concepts, death is a tough childhood lesson. Unwatered seedlings, pet goldfish, raccoons on the highway. Then, storybook or movie figures, faraway people, and, suddenly, folk we know.

I used to read aloud the 1978 Newberry Medal-winning children's novel *Bridge to Terabithia* to my Grade 5s. It's somewhat dated now, and still awkward for including subjects like death and religion. In the narrative, the stages of grief are experienced by a young character after unexpected bereavement. Sudden, inevitable or otherwise, all our losses generate a terrible period of reckoning within us which sometimes never leaves. Ever.

Perhaps the antithesis to grief is joy. Many cultures combine both in festive celebrations of lives once led. Food, drink, dance, song, games and words are generously shared to simultaneously acknowledge some-

one's passing, and their existence.

I'm writing this on the eighth anniversary of my father's death. Exactly one year after we lost him, I filmed two sandhill cranes in a glorious mating dance on a burgeoning Haliburton meadow. My slender-legged, charming dad loved English fields and waltzing to Big Band jazz. And every year on this same date, my partner and I make a point of driving somewhere wild and natural. It's just a thing we do to honour Dad's fun and tender spirit.

His wry humour might live on in his great-grandchildren, but his appreciation for Marmite stops at me ... YUM.

Dad wanted to be a teacher, and was heading for scholarship, but his father pulled him out of school to help support his eight motherless siblings at the onset of war. I became the only descendant ever to make teaching my career. I'd later invite him annually to construct newspaper RAF 'Spitfires' with my Junior students, and then fly them in distance and height competitions. His joy and pride were palpable.

Perhaps the purpose of naming some funerals a 'celebration of life' is to, as the Irish often do, connect and reconnect those who'll recognize and carry forward the wondrous nature of the deceased. Nature births all of life, and all life returns to it. *Something's lost, but something's gained* (Joni Mitchell). We all deeply know this, yet we all deeply grieve. The only bottom line I can think of to explain every stage and level of our sadness is ... love.



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How we got here - Dale McConnell

KAREN PHIPPS

County Life Contributor

When I think of stories and storytellers, a long time teacher in our community comes to mind. For generations, Dale McConnell has been delighting students by weaving his web of tales based on tidbits of his experience with a mix of fact and fiction. Dale has been a teacher in Haliburton County for over 50 years. While he was a permanent teacher for 33 years, he has spent the last 18 years as a supply teacher. He is a recognizable presence in all five elementary schools in the County. At 76 years of age, he is still going strong and has no intention of packing up his metaphorical chalk until at least the age of 80.

Anyone who has ever met Dale can attest to the twinkle in his eye and his ready smile. You can sense his delight and interest in life and see a hint of a mischievous, but kind hearted little boy.

Dale was born in Cavan Township, just south of Peterborough. He and his twin brother along with his seven other siblings, attended a one room schoolhouse. He recalls the adventures they would get into during lunch time when there was no teacher supervision. Students were allowed to wander at will and romp through the fields and village to find their own entertainment. These



Dale McConnell, a longtime teacher in the Haliburton Highlands, took some time to chat about his career.
/KAREN PHIPPS submitted

early experiences are often embellished with great imagination and detail and retold to students to great amusement.

With a smile on his face and lilt in his voice, Dale shared one of his favorite stories with me. His delivery is so mat-

ter-of-fact and his manner and demeanor is suggestive of Mr. Rogers, that the listener is not really sure just how much is truth and what is fiction. When he got to the part of the headless teacher, I have to admit that I felt a tingle down my spine. His vivid details and use of actual places pulled me in and I felt like I was in the school roaming the halls on a dark and stormy night.

Dale remembers first wanting to become a teacher when he learned that his elementary school teacher, Miss. McKellar, made \$18 a day! He calculated how long it would take him to make enough money to buy a farm on teacher's pay. At that point his dream was to become a farmer and teaching was a means to reaching his goal.

After attending Trent University, Dale was offered a job "up North" in Haliburton County. He was hired by J. Douglas Hodgson on the advice of Tom Hodgson, who was Dale's principal at Millbrook High School. In 1972, Dale began teaching at Wilberforce Elementary School. He only planned on staying for five years before heading back south. Once here, he met a local girl named Darlene Hodgins and they were married in 1981. In 1985, they bought a farm on 180 acres of land in West Guilford and a few years later welcomed their son Devan. Together they started Dunloe Farms where Dale

fulfilled his dream and Darlene managed a spa and a Bed and Breakfast.

Throughout Dale's teaching career he has juggled the demands of the classroom with the demands of running a productive farm. He is known near and far for his "West Guilford" corn. From July until the Labour Day weekend, Dale can be found selling his produce in the Pump Shop parking lot in Haliburton. He has grown a wide variety of foods over the years including strawberries, beans and potatoes. He also sells maple syrup and firewood.

Dale can often look at a classlist and not only see the students seated in front of him but also the younger version of some of their parents and grandparents. There is something special and rare about knowing a place and its people through multiple generations. The roots go a little deeper and your understanding of a community's collective journey is rich with subtle layers of time and experience.

Dale's five year stint "up north" turned into over fifty years of working with students. He became a husband and a father, farmed the land, and built community connections. He knows the backroads, the highways, and all the paths in between. He is a storyteller at heart who has a deep interest in the people who have helped colour the landscape of this place we call home.

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All about the cough, don'tcha know

WHY, YOU'D think it was the Plague taking a swipe at Lake WhaddayathinkI mean, the way so many folks are falling ill to a bug that's going around, don'tcha know. It starts in your head and ends up in your chest and makes you cough 'til your eyes cross, which makes it hard to read, but that's another story. And wouldn't you know, it hit ol' Maybelle, too, just when the weather finally got sunnier and warmer calling me out to play, but ... cough, cough, cough ... ol' Maybelle's play button is on hold!



MAYBELLE'S
Fireside Stories

As for Bogart my pet bear – he is soooo bored looking at me all day or rather LISTENING to me cough all day. And it's not like I'm being passive about it. No, I'm proactive as all get out. Why, if I haven't chugged back so many hot/cold/lukewarm drinks made with freshly squeezed lemon juice and gobs of honey, you'd be hard pressed to find any lemons LEFT in Lake W, don'tcha know. I also put my dried apple doll face into a steam inhaler three times a day for fifteen minutes at a time, which seems to calm the cough, temporarily. I never used to dislike the word: temporarily, but now it's anathema to me. Cough cough cough.

And wouldn't you know, the nice pharmacist at our local Rexall recommended a real good cough drop that is soothing, but again, only temporarily!

Now, if you're getting that ol' Maybelle isn't the most patient of patients, you'd be straight-arrow right.

I'm not a good candidate for being sick, not at all. And this particular strain of bug which seems to land differently in folks here in the village – with some it's being called pneumonia, with others it's influenza, but in both cases, it's taken on a name of its own, it's own brand, if you will. That's right. Conversations are now going like this: "Did you hear? Walter Presley has The Cough." Or, "Oh, Maybelle Morton still has The Cough."

Why, I even tried garlic-ing the bug to death. I chopped up a whole whack of garlic, spread it on toast, covered it with honey, and chomped it on down. Bet you never heard somebody's gums SCREAM before ... but mine did. Ah, the sacrifice of trying to blast that bug out of the park, don'tcha know.

Then there's The Soup That Saves Lives. And I'm not referring to the carrot soup, developed by pediatrician Ernst Moro in Germany a century ago, used to treat and prevent diarrhea in infants. No. I'm referring to the garlic soup developed by Lester Mester's aunt Fester a self-declared naturopath, in Penetanguishene two months ago. You simply bring a dozen garlic cloves to a boil in a quart of water, simmer with a bay leaf for twenty minutes and then drink drink drink drink drink. Yes, ol' Maybelle even did that. But alas, cough cough cough.

But I have to say, I have been feeling more grateful than ever. Oh, not for being sick, but for knowing how fortu-

nate I am to have a nice comfortable bed to re-coop in, a warm cozy house to be quiet in, wonderful caring friends who check in on me, pick up groceries for me and leave nourishing homemade soup on my stoop for me.

And I am lucky and grateful that The Cough is only temporary. Now when I

use the word in THAT sentence, I like temporary, a lot, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories and her novel: "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon" are now available at www.amazon.com.

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The magic of mothers

WELL, MOTHER'S Day has come and gone.
 Or so I heard.

I always get a chuckle out of the timing around Mother's Day. Right smack dab in one of the busiest times of year for mothers. Between racing kids to early morning track meets, end of year piano recitals, filling out forms for school trips to Toronto and remembering to pack that purple rain coat just in case May showers make an appearance, there's a lot going on.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
 County Life Editor

I once heard a teacher refer to April, May, and June as the "LMNOP" of the year. When we get to the portion of the ever-familiar alphabet song, we all know that we slide and stumble through LMNOP, combining our breathing patterns and vocal tuning to spit the letters out.

That's what it's like in AprilMayJune - all flipping and flopping together into a run-on month that simultaneously seems to never end whilst flying by and quickly finding space in the rearview mirror of life.

All this to say, here's to the mothers.

I am a mother myself. I've had the privilege of having a few forms of that role; first I became a step-mother to the two greatest girls on the planet, before becoming a biological mother to my son just over a year ago.

And there are many avenues of motherhood. Mothers to adopted children, to animals, to plants, to ideas.

I've seen people wrap up projects, and in the process of handing over the reigns, refer to the concept as "their baby".

Motherhood is nothing more than pouring your heart and soul and spirit and dreams into some part of the future. And sometimes we do that by nurturing our young. By early morning track meets and purple rain coats.

And other times, we do it from a distance. A soft and supportive glance, a hand squeeze, a hug.

When I became a mother, I started to look at other mothers differently.

Yes, I see you there, with a new baby propped in the tired nook of your elbow. You're exhausted, drained, depleted, but moving forward. A complex medley of emotions forever bubbling under the surface of joy and fear and questions and wonder.

Suddenly, watching mothers drop their teenagers off at school hits differently. A crack in my heart that

still feels distant yet approachable. A future of letting go and watching your child fly; forever waiting on the ground for the moment they may fall.

When I became a mother, a part of me was left behind. That piece that held onto recklessness and uncertainty and free-spirited whimsy.

I was told it would come back one day, but quite honestly, I don't miss it.

That free-flying shock of colour that once coursed through my veins was replaced with a churning knowledge of certainty. A depth of awareness and love and just complete awe at each and every movement of my children.

I sat the other day and watched them eat breakfast. One reading, one scribbling in a notebook, one ripping little pieces of croissant off the flaky pastry and just enjoying the silence in the sunlight.

And I realized that I do believe in magic. That I have poured my heart and soul and spirit and dreams into some part of the future, and on every birthday candle and shooting star, I have wished for exactly this.

So to all mothers, during the seasons of busyness and bustle, exhaustion and excitement, labour and love, I see you.

And the magic you have created.

Top 10 reasons why male turkeys gobble to attract mates

RIGHT ABOUT now you might be hearing wild turkey toms gobble. We all know they're doing it to attract females. But the question is why?

Here are my top 10 theories.

1. They can't figure how to get on internet dating sites.
2. Translated, it means, "I love giving foot rubs."
3. It's either that or whining and dining.
4. Not great at dancing and small talk.
5. They somehow think that making loud noises is what females love.
6. To ensure that the females that are hard of hearing also get the message.
7. Not ruling out a long-distance relationship.
8. Not really trying to attract females so much as react to a stubbed toe.
9. Easier than talking about feelings.
10. They figure if a female can tolerate that, they'll get along just fine.



STEVE GALEA
 Humour Columnist

Wailing

Wind, wailing, waking Night, splintering the silence
 of its sleep,
 shattering the stillness of the hills, as it rampages
 beneath the sickle Moon and stars,
 assailing the flailing branches of trees and their bud-
 ding leaves,

feeling the force of this nocturnal Wind, down to
 their deepest roots,
 trembling beneath the earth, the shrieks of Wind,
 piercing the terrain of my dream, unraveling at its
 seams,

as I jolt awake, listening to Wind prowling outside
 the window,
 curling deeper beneath the covers, like a seed sleep-
 ing beneath the earth,

wondering how many trees will be uprooted by
 morning, as I lie here, safe and warm in bed,
 listening to the fury of this sleepless spring Wind,
 wailing like a lost child that doesn't know its way
 Home,

I rise from bed and pad towards the window, blink-
 ing up at the sickle Moon and its crooked smile,
 its light, bright as the pricks of stars silvering their
 piece of Sky, my eyes sweeping across the tops of
 trees,

their crowns, budding with newborn leaves, how
 fragile they appear,
 branches thrashing beneath the blade of Moon and
 its sliver of light,

the sprinkle of stars, too high up in Sky to feel
 the wrath of Wind, not a single one crashing to the
 ground,

like the sound of breaking branches, falling in the
 forest, that nobody hears, only the other trees, as Wind
 lashes their limbs,

the saplings quivering beneath the shelter of the
 elders, Wind bashing the trunks of trees all around
 them,

their spindly spines, bending and swaying, and I
 wonder if any of them will snap,

as I stand by the window, peering out beyond the
 hills, wondering what great distances this midnight
 Wind will roam,

'till it runs out of bluster and grows still again, what
 carnage it will leave behind,
 tree limbs felled, sprawled across trails and roads,
 the willow growing alongside the path, already miss-
 ing limbs from past storms,

I wonder whether it will survive the Night with its
 remaining limb still clinging to its tree,
 the wisps of its greening tresses, billowing in the
 Wind, beneath the sickle Moon and smattering of
 stars,

bearing the scars on its trunk with stoicism and
 grace, the wails of this nocturnal Wind, rumpling
 Rivers and Lakes,

bending the spines of tall grasses, fragile as glass, I
 wonder about the daffodils, whether they will survive
 the Night,

their yellow heads drooping towards the ground,
 hoping morning will revive them,
 the clusters of dandelions, the heartiest of all, Wind
 ruffling their shaggy heads that look the same as
 before Wind came,

I open the window, just a sliver, to feel breaths of
 Wind sweep into the room,

a coolness blooming in the Air, as I inhale, before I
 slide the window shut and scurry back into bed,
 curling deep beneath the covers like a seed, squirm-
 ing beneath the earth, waiting to burst into the world,

I sink back into sleep beneath the sickle Moon and
 stars, listening to the wails of Wind, as I toss and turn,
 wondering how many others are listening to it too,
 from their warm beds, while the trees in the forest flail
 and shake,

waiting for Wind to wither to a whisper, so their
 unfurling leaves can feel the softness of breeze,
 grazing the green of their newborn skin.

Sylvie Kalenda

My Mom

Five foot nothing she stood,
Quiet calm, no fuss.
Not outstanding in crowds,
Just a dot on the bus.
Her strength was big,
Her presence strong,
You felt you belonged.
When dad went to war,
She managed all four.
Got us up in the morning,
Saw us out the door.
She made our home a palace,
Spoke no bad words,
Of neighbours or friends.
Made breakfast, lunch and supper,
Managed all physical and emotional needs,
Bruises and all.
My only regret as I sit here and write,
I never expressed my delight,
Of this diamond we had,
Not shiny and bright.
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To lead us through life.

Murray Fredericks



Mothers of all ages gathered at Abbey Gardens last spring to celebrate Mother's Day in the sunshine. /FILE

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Writing on the Senior Side

What? You say Mother's Day is over

GAIL STELTER

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Mother's Day, I know it's commercial and overdone in stores and businesses; another marketing and money-making activity. And yet, I remember my mom so excited about the single-pot geranium I bought her at Old Man Potter's corner store. I see my mother, in her aging years, still enjoying that potted plant I bring her on Mother's Day as she puts it out on her condo balcony. I see myself with the potted flowering plant that my children brought over or a gift card for a new book. I see my daughters delighting in the cards and flowers given to them by their children. I see the love that all of these little gifts boast. Being a mom is the most important role of my life. I see being a grandmother as a lovely outcrop of that love that sustains me in my senior years.

What? You say Mother's Day is over. It's too late to celebrate now. But I'm on the senior side, I am in charge of my celebrations. My submission date for the newspaper didn't quite line up, and you are right, I missed it, but a story about my mom is always fun to remember and share. I think you'd agree when you think of your mom. What story of her will you always celebrate? What story will you share that makes you laugh or cry or shake your head? I hope these stories will bring you joy as you think of your mom.

I laugh when I remember seeing my mom yelling at the bread man to move his horse, who was eating the leaves of the new maple tree the city has planted on our boulevard. Oh, yes, I am old enough to remember when the bread man had a horse-driven cart. I went on Google Maps to check that tree out, and it is tall and strong. I think the people who live in our house should thank her.

I laugh when I see her standing up, leading a large family gathering of aunts, uncles and cousins in the singing of "I said No" (*Liberty Magazine*). She is suacy, coy, and so cute, and she can belt it out. She loved to sing. I laugh when I remember doing the dishes, and she told me about her Church of England hymns and how she and her friends changed the words Onward Christian Soldiers marching off to war to Onward Christian bedbugs marching down the sheet when you reach the bottom, please don't tickle my feet.

I smile when I remember her in paint clothes, hair, in what she called the "upsweep", wearing gloves, holding a tin of paint and a brand new paint brush. She has decided to paint the lampshades in the living room gold. The walls are green, and gold is the new accent colour. She is done and looking around ... What else would be good with gold paint? We laugh and get out of her way as the picture frame and ashtray are painted.

I cry when I remember seeing her come

home from work, tired and sad that once again, my dad is not home. I cry when I think of the dementia at her end. Did I do enough? I don't think so.

I have written a story about my mom for my Family Stories book called *The Red and White Kitchen*. Here is the beginning.

Mom is 5 foot 2, brown-eyed, perky, feisty, with perfectly permed black curly hair, pink nails and red lipstick. She is a homefront survivor of World War II who owns her own home. This is the story of the hub of our home. This is my mom's red and white kitchen.

White, freshly painted legs and drop leaves anticipate the perfectly cut-to-size bright red oilcloth. Several thicknesses of newspaper come first. She knows exactly how many as she has repeated this task several times before. The oil cloth shines; the thumbtacks are in place. The bright-red-painted ceiling looks down on her as she sits beside the heat register. Dark red floor tiles look up. The white ice box has been replaced by the white refrigerator, and now there is a white gas stove. A three-tiered metal stand has received its coat of white paint and is home to the red ceramic cat and red and white bowls. Even the single sink is white; white enamel, no chips. Bright white walls and cupboards, with nary a smudge or fingerprint, close in this little kitchen in the little house.

Perhaps it is a bitter winter Monday ...

The streetcar begins to empty as it approaches the end of the line at the Humber Loop. From there, it is a windy 15-minute trek home. The

bus from the Loop doesn't come close to our house; even if it did, another ticket is required. Not practical. Not affordable. Mom arrives home and she comes in the side door, removes her boots and brings her coat upstairs to the closet. I jump up to not only greet her but to check the potatoes. This is one of those times that I get busy with books or TV or homework, and the potatoes boil dry and burn on the bottom. I slice off the burnt bottoms and make mashed potatoes.

"Hi Mom, dinner is almost ready."

"Hi hon, thank you. It's freezing in here. Did you remember to turn up the heat?"

She welcomes the heat that is suddenly flowing from the register. Her arm rests on the red oilcloth. Her head rests on her arm. Her eyes are sad, her hair wilted, and only a hint of red lipstick remains. One drop leaf is needed tonight. Only one drop leaf is needed most nights.

"Where is your dad? Oh, why do I even bother to ask? I know where he is." ...

I hope my mom stories not only bring back warm and caring thoughts of your mom but also inspire you to share your mom stories with your children and grandchildren. I understand you may not wish to write about them, but could you record even one or two? Our stories may be lost when we are gone. We must let this and future generations know about the amazing women who loved and formed us.



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Above, Beaver dot by Tammy Nash

Left, a male Northern Flicker woodpecker and Blue Jay share a suet feeder by Vivien Mausz



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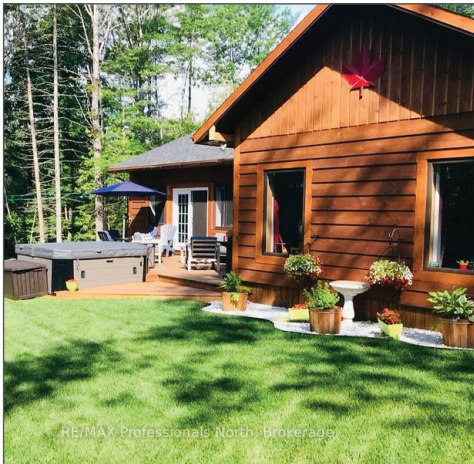


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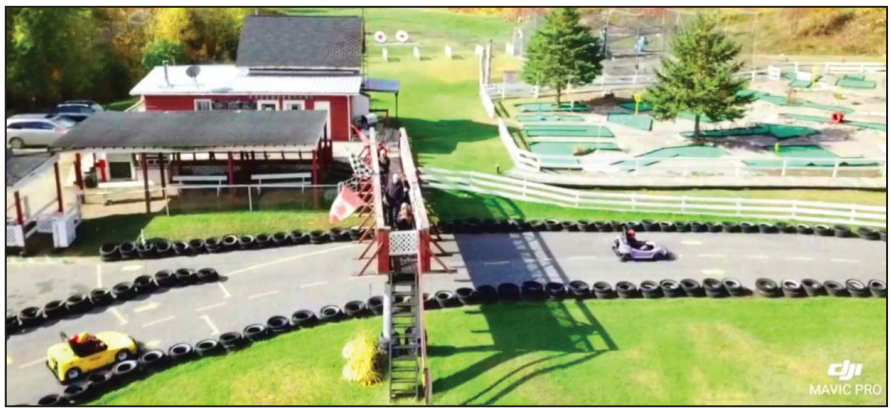
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AT MY house there is a grandfather clock, which I love, it chimes four times an hour. Guests often comment about how in the world we tolerate the constant noise, but as anyone with a chiming clock or close to railroad tracks can attest, we do not always hear it.

If I am sitting quietly in the living room, I can sometimes notice the chiming. Otherwise, it fades to the background. Unless of course I have a living room full of ladies for book club, in which case I can hear all eight interruptions, and wishing I had planned ahead to let it wind down.

I think this happens in lots of ways in our day to day lives, in our communities and in our homes. Some things fade to the background or become so normal that we do always notice. This

could be the beautiful things around us, or some of the harsher realities as people struggle and face hardship.

Part of being in a community is trying to adjust our attention to notice it all. Notice where you might fit in, help, create something new or just be present with others. At Community Living, we can understand that everyone is busy with their own work and worries. We try to make new connections and promote inclusion, but we also have to honour what else is grabbing the attention of neighbours and groups.

We recently had a person we support be diagnosed with a complex medical condition. One of the worries that our staff had was if the person should move closer to a hospital equipped to respond to this condition in the city. The specialist was quick to respond that the loss of

one's community and social network would be far more detrimental to health than the distance from specialized medical support.

Let that sink in for a moment, we are better when connected to others in our communities, we are healthier and it is more critical to our well-being than we can imagine. I love my grandfather clock because it grounds me in the present, it is visually pleasant to look at and it was a childhood dream of mine to someday own one. I may not hear it when I don't pay attention, but when I do it always lifts my spirits.

Seek out what lifts your spirits. There is so much going on in the background and all around us, take some time today to notice Haliburton, the people, the connectors, the contributors, the neighbourhood champions, the leaders, the businesses, the people all around. Make time for attention to all that is here, all that is available, our health is better for it.



TERESA JORDAN
*Community Living
Contemplations*

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Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.

Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.

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Every spring the freshet of spring rains and snowmelt brings new energy to our creeks and rivers. The power of water surges through rugged terrain, raging through rocky rapids and roaring over waterfalls. Early spring is the ideal time to paddle to these dramatic destinations before the bugs, lower water and increased traffic make these trips less attractive.

A great destination to witness the might of spring runoff is the Black River. Hidden between lakes and wide valleys west of Wren Lake, the Black River is a sneaky gem of power and beauty. Ranging from rapids to turbulent waterfalls, these river highlights can be visited with a short paddle from the Wren Lake access point. Located just north of Sherborne Lake Road off Highway 35 south of Dorset, this access has plenty of parking and is easy launching for any manner of paddling craft.

The route starts by heading south to Little Wren Lake then paddling under the bridge over the highway. Watch for swooping barn swallows that are taking advantage of the perfect nesting shelves built into the design of the steel girders under the bridge. These forked trailed fly catchers are expert nest builders. Scooping up blobs of mud in their bill and mixing it with grasses, they form pellets used to construct cup-shaped mud nests lined with grasses and feathers.

Heading southwest on Wren Lake, the lake narrows and soon you will hear the cascading sound of water. With a short lift over a smooth rock shelf, the first waterfalls tumbles over an five meter drop into a frothing pool below. From the flat, lichen crusted rock at the top of the falls, the scenery is stunning as the river transitions from a lake to wide, flat river valley framed by mature forests. Summer visitors can find cooling sit spots on rocky shelves in the falls.

On the short carry around this waterfall, there are dense pockets of wintergreen, a plant that gets a gold medal for tenacity. Surviving the winter unscathed, this tough, glossy leafed ground plant thrives in these shallow soils. Yielding an instant shot of wintergreen flavour, just pick a leaf, bend it in half and nibble on the crease. Purported to increase endurance, the oil of wintergreen has other medicinal properties beyond its breath freshening properties.

Paddling to the base of the falls, the swirling current settles and is no risk to paddlers, however, watch for boulders as the water levels drop. The route goes with the flow in a clear channel through an open valley of wetland vegetation. Surprisingly, there are three stray docks stranded in this valley along with many beaver lodges. One abandoned lodge had a nesting Canada goose on top. Wary of an aggressive territorial defense, we quietly drifted by the incubating female. She remained still, ducking her head to blend in with her surroundings while keeping a close eye on us.

Soon the Black River narrows and tumbles under a snowmobile/ATV bridge providing a nice vantage point to view another significant drop in the river. The portage around these rapids is marked by a yellow sign well before the bridge on the south side of the river. The trail is flat and about four hundred meters long, ending in a set of rapids. The carry is worth the effort considering what is ahead.

More quiet river valley paddling follows, a yellow rumped warbler sang nearby and a red-tailed hawk banked in the thermals above us adding to the feeling of remoteness and naturalness. Soon after the sound of previous rapid ends, the thundering sound of a powerful torrent begins as the river valley narrows and the flow is squeezed between converging shorelines like an open funnel resting on its side.



The base of the waterfall near Wren Lake. /submitted by Lisa Tolentino

Care is needed here in high water as the portage trail is on the right just above the falls. This is the wildest feeling part of this paddle. For two hundred meters, the Black River rages through this constriction and runs along the side of the trail from Black River to Black Lake. Access to the edge of the falls is easy from the trail. About one hundred meters down the portage, there is a beautiful, flat rock picnic site to enjoy the scenery and conversation without competing with the roar of the waterfalls. In the warmer months, this spot will

be a quaint swimming hole without the risk of being washed down river.

Returning to the access point on Highway 35 means paddling upriver towards the rapids and waterfalls, changing the perspective on this beautiful paddle. Allowing for four to five hours, this route is very scenic and sensory, from the cacophony of tumbling torrents to the serenity of tranquil wetlands. A must paddle in any season.

Keep wildfire safety in mind post-ice storm

THOMAS SMITH

County Life Staff

Haliburton County and its surrounding areas are no strangers to forest fires.

On September 9, 1887, a forest fire started to the west of Furnace Falls. The little village burned to the ground, including their ore smelter, saw mill, and every building in the vicinity of the town. What was once a small, fledgling village turned to a ghost town in the aftermath.

In 1912, a forest fire blazed from Lake Simcoe to Bancroft, reaching Little Bob Lake in Minden. The fire stopped due to that year's first snowfall.

In 1913, a fire once again tore through Snowdon township, putting an end to its lumber industry.

The Bark Lake Fire of 1949 started outside of Irondale and burned to nearly two kilometres outside of Minden. Exhausted of people and resources, conscription was declared, asking every capable man to fight the fire.

The Toronto Telegram writes "driving last night from Irondale to Minden was like driving through Pompeii in its last days, the London Blitz, plain Hell and fairyland. Weary men, still fighting, still losing after four days, their heavy flannel shirts singed, lined the road."

An additional forest fire began west of Kinmount, near Davis Lake, and required 400 more volunteers to fight the flames.

In recent years, forest fires have made international headlines with record-breaking fires in 2023. Unprecedented

high temperatures and drought conditions fueled the flames across the country.

In June, 120 wildfires started in Quebec in one day due to lightning. SOPFEU, Quebec's forest fire prevention office, reported that there were over 700 fires in 2023, burning 4.5 million hectares of forest. This made international headlines after the smoke heavily reduced visibility in Toronto and filled the New York City skyline with an orange haze.

Currently, the Ministry of Natural Resource's Fire Info Map indicates that there is already a sizable area of forest elevated to the medium levels of forest fire risk. These are stretches from Twelve Mile Lake in Minden to Kushog Lake in Algonquin Highlands to Cranberry Lake in West Guilford and Kennisis Lake.

In the wake of the ice storm, residents are encouraged to FireSmart their properties. This includes removing available fuel sources like downed limbs and branches.

Instead of burning them on your property, the township of Minden Hills' Scotchline Landfill is accepting brush at no charge to residents.

Despite the recent rain, the chance of a wildfire can change at a moment's notice.

"Each fire season is highly variable and is based on actual weather trends that are developing in the short-term throughout the fire season," said Alison Lake, fire information officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources. "Knowing this, we look at a three to five day window of weather conditions as we move through the fire season and adjust accordingly.

Current and forecasted wildland fire conditions are being continuously and carefully monitored to ensure sufficient resources will be available to respond to wildland fires."

Spring is the season for grass fires in the county. With the previous year's leaves and dead grass remaining, it dries and becomes "tinder-ready," says Lake.

"The simple act of having an outdoor campfire or burning off yard waste can quickly lead to a larger fire," said Lake.

Around 50 per cent of all wildland fires are caused by lightning, whereas the remaining 50 per cent are caused by human factors including broken power lines, sparks from an ATV on dry grass, or an unattended campfire, says Lake.

It is not just damage from the flames themselves to worry about. Smoke from wildland fires can travel for thousands of kilometres.

"Fires can have extreme impacts on local air quality, visibility and human health," said Lake. "For individuals interested in observing smoke forecasts they can use FireSmoke.ca to access current and forecasted smoke conditions."

The Wildland Fire Management Strategy acts as the directions for how the MNR handles wildland fires across Ontario. The five goals of the strategy include prevention, mitigation, response, understanding, and application. The threat of wildland fires is diminished when more fires are prevented, property owners must take action to mitigate their property's risk of damage due to wildland fire, fires are assessed and responded to accordingly, Ontarians

must be aware and understand the ecological importance of wildland fires, and fires and prescribed burns are utilized to reduce wildland fire hazards and meet ecological and resource management goals.

Every fire will be different due to factors like the fuel source, level of dryness, and causes of the fire, says Lake. Wildfires can be spread by embers blowing, radiant heat, and direct flame exposure.

When needed, Ontario has a fleet of 28 aircraft including CL-415 heavy water bombers, eight intermediate helicopters, six Twin Otters, and five Turbo Beavers at our disposal to combat wildfires.

"Ontario also supplements its airfleet by hiring commercial aircraft throughout the season, including through long-term contracts with air carriers and short-term aircraft hires," said Lake.

All residents are urged to be fire aware and report any fires or smoke that is seen. If you see an uncontrolled fire, call 9-1-1 immediately. Also take note of the location, colour, and size of the fire, if able.

No fires should be left unattended. To put a campfire out, soak it with a generous amount of water. Then, stir the coals and embers of the fire with a stick and soak it generously again.

"To dispose of yard waste and woody debris, we encourage residents to use methods such as composting or disposing at a local landfill," said Lake.

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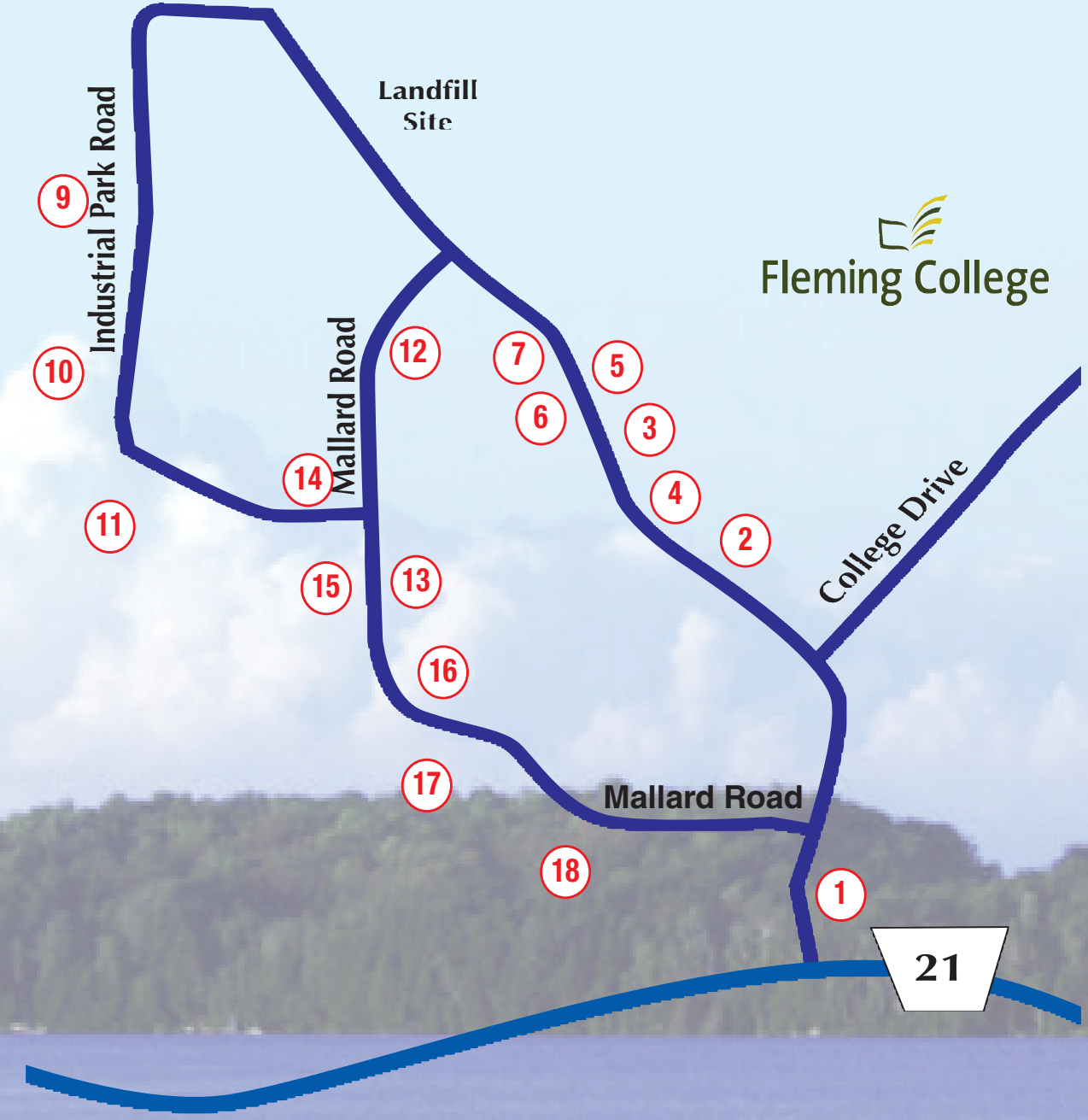


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Winners of the 2025 People’s Choice Award at *LEGACY* Salon Exhibition

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre is pleased to announce the winners of the 2025 People’s Choice Awards, voted on by gallery visitors during its popular winter Salon Exhibition, “LEGACY.” Celebrating personal perspectives on legacy through a wide range of media, the exhibition invited the public to connect deeply with local creativity — and cast their votes for the works that moved them most.

First Place – David Kerr, *The Blue Canoe* (Oil on Birch Panel)

David Kerr’s evocative painting pays homage to Tom Thomson, one of Canada’s most influential artists. Kerr writes, “The work of Tom Thomson has inspired me to adventure into the wilderness with a canoe 100 years after he painted many of his works.” Viewers responded to the painting’s timeless beauty and emotional resonance, awarding it first place.

Second Place – David Douglas, *My Pine Tree’s Legacy* (Watercolour)

In a heartfelt depiction of resilience and environmental reflection, David Douglas painted a lakeside pine tree clinging to life on the cliffs of Redstone Lake. “I’ve known it since I was eight years old,” says Douglas. “But that’s my legacy, not the tree’s... do trees only have a legacy because they’re vicariously part of our lives’ legacies?” His watercolour deeply touched audiences, securing a well-deserved second place.

Third Place – Kathy Andrews, *Giving Back* (Wool and Beads)

Textile artist Kathy Andrews invited viewers to reflect on their relationship with the planet in her tactile piece created with wool and beads. “Our planet has given us life ... We need to leave a legacy of life. We need to give back.” Her call for stewardship and love for the Earth resonated strongly with voters, earning her third place in this year’s People’s Choice.

Rails End Gallery extends hearty congratulations to David Kerr, David Douglas, and Kathy Andrews, and thanks to the 65 participating artists whose work contributed to the depth and diversity of “LEGACY.” Special thanks to our gallery visitors whose votes help celebrate the voices and visions of our artist community.



Artist David Kerr with his prize-winning piece. /submitted

About Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
Rails End Gallery is a public art gallery and registered Canadian charity located in Haliburton, Ontario. Housed in the historic former railway station, the Gallery is committed to bringing art to life through exhibitions, events, and community engagement.

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Celebrating artists with Minden's newest restaurant

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For Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon, he's looking to highlight all the colours of the community.

For the newest Lounge Cafe and Bistro in Minden, located at the former 50s Diner, he's been put in charge of adding colour to the walls. "I've put out an open call for artists," he said, "and we are going to keep changing it, like a different exhibition every few months."

Diaz de Leon Rendon moved to Haliburton with his partner in 2017, after visiting their Gooderham-based cottage for years. The couple chose the Kinmount region when they moved from Toronto, and haven't looked back. "It's a great community," said Diaz de Leon Rendon's partner, David Thairs. "It's been very accepting of all different people, very welcoming for everyone."

The couple dove into the local art scene, and connected with artists in an effort to showcase their work. With the Lounge Cafe and Bistro, Diaz de Leon Rendon has been tasked with highlighting the variety and depth available from local artists.

The new destination opened the first weekend in May in a soft opening, and a formal grand opening scheduled for a later date. Manager Brock Williams hopes to create a space unlike any other that Minden has to offer. "We will be an espresso martini bar," he said. "Catering to beautiful looking food, a variety of artists and singers, in a relaxing atmosphere." For the majority of the week, the space will be open 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., offering meals all throughout the day, and on Fridays and Saturdays, the space will stay open until 2 a.m., with a newly expanded patio and a variety of drinks available.

Liz Feyerabend is one of the first artists being featured in the new cafe. She's been dabbling in the art world for years, but this is one of her first times showcasing her work in an exhibition-like style. "Art started

out for me as a meditation practice," she said. "It was a way of helping me heal mentally. But now, it's just very colourful and bright. I make it to bring a little joy into the world."

Feyerabend draws her inspiration from nature and the great outdoors; a theme that Diaz de Leon Rendon has combined in the show adorning the walls of the new cafe. "I want the atmosphere to be very relaxed," he said. "So we will be featuring different artists, and putting them together." He noted that he is open to highlighting solo shows, based on the artists he connects with along the way.

The curator of the space was thrilled with the outpouring of interest he received when he put out an open-call for artists online. "People keep sending art in, and I tell them that if they don't make it in this show, I take their name and number down and let them know that we can put it together in the next show." Diaz de Leon Rendon hopes to switch out the artwork every few months, to keep the space fresh and bright.

The artists featured in the coming weeks will be: Liz Feyerabend, Jen Hodges, Ritchie Stardreamer Sinclair, Zach Warne, Brona Wingell, and Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon. The recurring theme to the current show is colour. Bright, bold, energetic pops of colour from artists all over the county. While the restaurant is eager to highlight local talent, they are also open to inviting artists who cottage in the area in an effort to celebrate all visitors.

"Lounge Cafe Bistro Restaurant is thrilled to feature local artistic talent, showcasing diverse styles that promote positivity and relaxation," said Diaz de Leon Rendon. "Our carefully curated selection of artworks aims to create a serene and uplifting atmosphere."

The new restaurant is located at 12311 Highway 35 in Minden.

If you are interested in sharing your art with the space, contact Fernando at fernandoartstudio@icloud.com or 416-985-1543. They are seeking modern and contemporary art styles in all mediums, but must be ready to hang. All pieces can be sold from the facility, with no commission charged.

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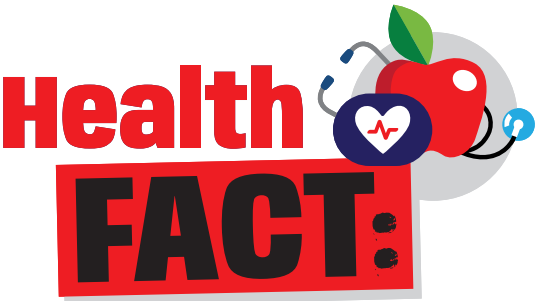
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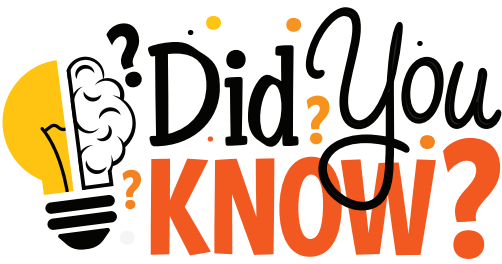
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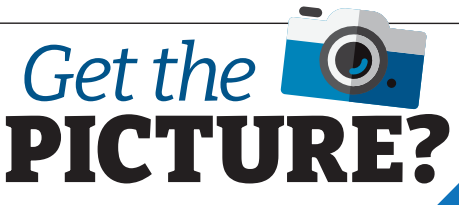
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540 COMING EVENTS

Minden & District Horticultural Society Plant Sale **Saturday, May 17**
10am -1pm Rain or shine,
63 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden
New this year: vendors



Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Mental Health Awareness
When: Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m.
Where: Schofield Room, Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St., Haliburton
A discussion with Theresa Maybury, a Mental Health and Addictions Clinician with the Canadian Mental Health Association-Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge. This is part of a continuing series on “Making our Communities Better Places”, and will begin with music by local musician, Jodi Timgren. It is open to all, no admission charge, light refreshments provided. Hosted by the Baha’i community of Haliburton.

Friends of the Haliburton County Libraries Mega Book Nook Sale
When: Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Public Library
Payment by Cash Donation. All money raised supports Library enhancements, programmes for all libraries in Haliburton County. Remember to bring your own bag.

Annual Plant Sale
When: May 17, 10 a.m. to noon
Where: 63 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
Annual plant sale from Minden & District Horticultural Society at 63 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden “Rain or Shine.”
New this year – vendors.

The Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk
When: Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 a.m.
Where: On the rail trail at Gould’s Crossing Road.
The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is pleased to announce a new season of Land Trust Discovery Days programming partially funded by a TD Friends of the Environment Fund grant. Bird expert Ed Poropat. Registration is required and admission is by donation. Register at the HHLT website at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or by calling the office at 705-457-3700.

Veggie Seedling Swap & Giveaway
When: Sunday May 25 at 10 am

Where: Minden Fairgrounds Community Gardens
The Haliburton County Master Gardeners invite you to bring any unused vegetable seedlings to swap or simply take what you want free from our assortment. Donations to the Food Bank are welcomed. A demonstration of interest to gardeners will be held too.

Threads of Connection - A Textile Arts Network Gathering
When: May 29 at 1 p.m.
Where: West Guilford Community Centre
Calling all textile artists, crafters, and creatives - whether you’re a seasoned pro or just exploring the world of textiles. Meet and mingle with local textile makers, share your work and learn from others, exchange ideas, resources, and inspiration. Bring a friend, your enthusiasm, and some work to do! Let’s stitch something beautiful - together. For more details visit www.haliburtonarts.on.ca

Recurring events
Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library New Book Nook Hours
When: 1st, 3rd Tuesday of the month - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch, 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden
Choose from a variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian authors, fiction, science fiction/ fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Bring a reusable bag. Payment is by cash donation. All money raised supports library enhancements and programmes for all libraries in the county.
TOPS: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
When: Monday mornings 9:30 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, upper level
Admission: Yearly membership of \$59
A non-profit/commercial network of weight-loss support groups, offers programs for healthy living and weight management.
Bridge for Seniors
When: Mondays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room

All welcome.
Haliburton Legion Walking Group
When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
A safe walking environment. Lead by an Occupational therapist.
Free Balanced Fitness and Active Social Senior Classes
When: Every second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 to 11 a.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
All seniors are welcome. Group led by Registered Recreation Therapist
Bid Euchre
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
All welcome!
Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George’s Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street
Please join us for safe and gentle exercises for seniors to help with balance, strength and flexibility. Free to join.
Cards/Euchre/Cribbage
When: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
Where: St. George’s Church 617 Mountain Street
Lakeside Church Service
When: Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Where: 9 Park Street, Haliburton.
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Weekly Meat Rolls
When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 and 35
Join us for our weekly meat draw. Five spins for \$10. First four rounds are for highest and lowest score with two winners per round. Last round is for a prepare-it-yourself dinner for two. Additional spins for this round are available for \$2 each. Call 705-454-8127 or email info@coboconklegion.ca for more information.

■ **TOURISM:** Town hall pulls in 100■ **HIGHLANDS EAST:** Burton runs for reeve■ **RESTAURANT:** Aniz opens to public

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ANGELICA BLENICH/Echo

A night at the movies

The Highland Festival Singers dazzled at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on May 15 and 16 as they took audience members on a trip down memory lane and sang a variety of hit songs from the movies. For more photos turn to page 20.

■ DEMOGRAPHICS

Library to launch extensive user survey

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

Haliburton County's library board is embarking on a massive user survey of its eight

branches in an attempt to make the libraries better suited to their patrons.

Board members made the decision at a May 12 meeting at the Stanhope library.

"The question really here is

what are we going to do with eight branches?" Bessie Sullivan, the county's chief librarian, asked the board members.

The county owns and operates the new Minden Hills and Dysart libraries, along with

branches in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Stanhope and Wilberforce.

The Minden Hills and Dysart libraries, which both opened in 2009, have all the amenities of

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■ ECONOMY

Donald plant to be restored

JENN WATT

Editor

Sixty-four years after it was abandoned by the Standard Chemical Company, the distribution building in Donald is being reborn as a business hub in Haliburton County.

The extensive work needed to bring the deteriorating building up to adequate standards is well worth the time, money and effort, says Leora Berman, who is heading up the project.

It is one of the few concrete formed buildings left, she said, "we can't see this building disappear."

Berman, along with the owner of the building Jim O'Connor, are going through the necessary zoning and planning steps to access grant funding, which will help them get the building back in shape.

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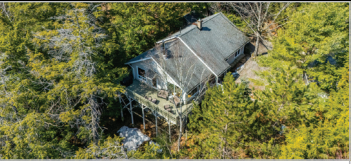
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\$999,900



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\$925,000



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\$919,500



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KENNISIS RIVER
\$725,000
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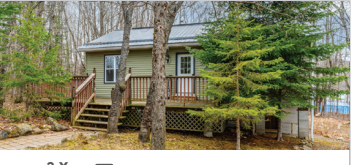
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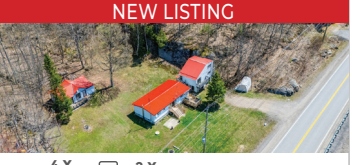
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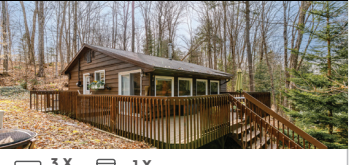
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